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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 3, 2001, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph: